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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Administration Report of the Public Works Department for 1921-22.

READ—

Administration Report of the Mysore Public Works Department for 1921-22, received with the Chief Engineer's letter No. P. D. 980—M., dated 23rd December 1922.

ORDER No. G. 2944-9—G. M. 85-22-1, DATED 17TH FEBRUARY 1923.

There has been a delay of over two months in the submission of the final copy of the Administration Report. Government hope that arrangements will be made to send the report punctually in future.

2. Mr. Srinivasacharya Cadambi continued to be the Chief Engineer and *ex-officio* Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, during the year under review, Mr. A. Aiyaswamy Iyer, Superintending Engineer, retired from service from 1st July 1921. Rai Sahib R. A. Srinivasa Iyengar was in charge of the Krishnarajasagara Circle up to 31st May 1922 when he proceeded on leave preparatory to retirement, Mr. R. V. Sundaram Iyer, Deputy Chief Engineer, proceeded on leave preparatory to retirement on the 26th August 1921. Mr. H. D. Rice, Superintending Engineer, was absent in England on long leave from the 21st September 1921 to 22nd May 1922.

The Yedatore Construction Division in the Krishnarajasagara Circle was converted into a Channels Division under the name "Upper Channels Division" and charged with the maintenance of and the distribution of water from the channels above the Krishnarajasagara Reservoir, the old "Channels Division" being re-named "Lower Channels Division" and entrusted with the maintenance of the channels below the reservoir. The Headquarter Range, Mysore, and the New Palace Division at Mysore were amalgamated and formed into a division designated the "Mysore Special Division" and all buildings in the City of Mysore were included in the charge.

3. The final grant to the department for the year was Rs. 56,31,847 against which an outlay of Rs. 52,15,166 was incurred, resulting in a lapse of Rs. 4,16,681. In addition to the above expenditure an outlay of Rs. 2,71,905 was incurred from contributions and such other sources. The total expenditure of the department thus amounted to Rs. 54,87,071 against Rs. 68,95,138 in 1920-21, the reduced outlay being accounted for by reduced allotments due to financial stringency.

4. The expenditure on establishment was Rs. 11,86,340, representing 27·1 per cent of the total outlay, against 23·4 per cent in the previous year. The high percentage is due to the fact that the question of the reorganisation of the Public Works Department was under discussion during the year and that orders thereon reducing the staff to the minimum necessary with reference to the restricted allotments were issued only in September 1922. According to these orders it is expected that a saving of Rs. 2,74,520 will be effected in the cost of establishment annually and the percentage on establishment will in future be appreciably less than hitherto.

5. *State Funds.*—The aggregate grant under this head was Rs. 45,59,200 against Rs. 54,69,899 in the previous year. The recorded outlay during the year amounted to Rs. 43,14,816 against Rs. 56,73,460 in 1920-21. There was a lapse of Rs. 2,44,384 under this head accounted for principally by the credit during the year of certain contributions amounting to Rs. 2,39,000 recovered in previous years on account of Krishnarajasagara, and the decision of Government to proceed slowly with the drainage works of the Bhadravati New Town.

The following statement shows the distribution of the outlay from State Funds on the several classes of works:—

Major heads (State Funds)	Total outlay (exclusive of establishments, tools and plant)
	Rs.
Krishnarajasagara Works Capital Account ...	5,89,713
Do (Revenue Account)	36,582
Kolar Gold Fields Water Works	1,84,713
Irrigation Works charged to Revenue	4,82,268
Buildings	8,65,994
Communications	6,91,768
Miscellaneous public improvements	3,42,447
Army (Military Works)	43,876
Industrial Works	94,143
Other works (Capital Account) ...	26,651
Total State Funds ...	33,58,155

The important works that were in progress are—

(1) Krishnarajasagara Dam and allied works.
(2) Water-supply and drainage to Bhadravati and New Town.
(3) Constructing a new tank across the Vadli stream near Hirige, Hunsur Taluk.
(4) Constructing an anicut across Bhrugu River, near Halsur, Mysore District.
(5) Constructing an anicut across the Bhadra at Gopala, Shimoga District.
(6) Constructing the Government Collegiate High School at Mysore.
(7) Constructing the Science Laboratory to the Government Collegiate High School, Bangalore.
(8) Improvements to the Victoria Hospital, Bangalore.
(9) Constructing subsidiary buildings to the Krishnarajendra Hospital at Mysore.
(10) Constructing New Office Block to the Palace at Mysore.
(11) Constructing a New Mansion near Lalitadri at Mysore.
(12) Sanitary improvements to Shimoga Town.
(13) Electrifying the pumping plant of the Chamarajendra Water Works, Bangalore.

(14) Laying out a system of pipes for improving the water-supply to the high level bungalows and mansions in the Mysore City.
(15) Effecting immediate improvements to the water-supply at Mysore City and
(16) Constructing a Canopy over the Statue of His Highness the late Maharaja of Mysore.

6. A perusal of the details of progress in respect of the various classess of works shows that the accounts of a number of them which are already complete or almost complete are allowed to remain unclosed indefinitely. Such for example are—

(1) Construction of new sluices for the Deepambudhi tank, Kunigal Taluk.
(2) Construction of a new tank at Sowlanga, Honnali Taluk.
(3) Improving Sriramadevuru South Channel, Hassan District.
(4) Improving the Krishnaraja Katte, Hassan District.
(5) Providing sanitary fittings to the Public Offices at Bangalore.
(6) Constructing an additional building for the Public Offices at Bangalore.
(7) Construction of an additional block of buildings in the compound of the District Office at Bangalore.
(8) Constructing Government High School at Bangalore.
(9) Construction of a Science Laboratory to the Collegiate High School at Bangalore.
(10) Constructing Krishnarajasagara Hospital at Mysore.
(11) Reconstruction of the Palace at Mysore.
(12) Installing the exterior lights to the Palace at Mysore.
(13) Constructing residential block to the Palace at Mysore.
(14) Improving the Branch Press buildings at Mysore.
(15) Improving the Chamundi Hill Road, Mysore District.
(16) Opening a direct road from Mysore to Krishnarajasagara and
(17) Constructing a bridge across the Thungabhadra at Honnali.

The continuance of practically completed works in the incomplete list not only adds to the responsibility of the department but gives scope for serious irregularities and waste of public funds. The attention of all officers should be drawn to the need for promptly closing the accounts of works which are completed according to estimate or according to current requirements whichever may be less. The Chief Engineers for Irrigation and for Roads and Buildings, respectively, are requested to take immediate steps for closing the accounts of as many works as possible during the current year. Until all works in progress are completed, no new works should be undertaken, except those that may be very urgent. It is observed that at present a large number of works, especially tank works, are sanctioned without proper authority or regard to funds available and such works have consequently to be dragged on over a number of years, often involving large additional expenditure. This should be avoided and the allotment sanctioned by Government should be carefully distributed over all the works in progress in accordance with a clear annual budget programme.

7. It is reported that the Melur tank, the restoration of which was completed during the previous year, has been causing anxiety owing to serious percolation and that as a remedial measure the waste-weir has been temporarily lowered by one foot. Evidently the work was not supervised efficiently. The Chief Engineer, Irrigation, is requested to investigate the matter and submit a special report to Government fixing the responsibility for the defective work on the officers concerned.

8. Government observe that the progress in respect of the following works was not satisfactory during the year and hope that better progress will be secured during the current year :—

(1) Restoring Dadaga tank, Nagamangala Taluk.
(2) Restoring Tagadur-Kommankere tank, Nanjangud Taluk.
(3) Reconstructing the waste-weir of Gottekere tank, Turuvekere Sub-Taluk.
(4) Constructing drainage works to pass the weir discharge across the irrigation channels of Ranikere tank, Challakere Taluk.

(5) Improving and expanding Lakshmanapur anicut, Mysore District.
(6) Improving and expanding Ramanathpur channel, Hassan District.
(7) Constructing a hostel to the High School at Channapatna.
(8) Improving the Jail buildings at Mysore.
(9) Constructing additional wards and operation theatre for the Civil Hospital at Chikmagalur.
(10) Opening a new road from Hole-Narsipur to Channarayapatna, Hassan District.
(11) Widening and improving Tarikere-Mangalore road by the side of the Narasimharajapura Tramway, Kadur District.
(12) Widening the bridal path on the Talgoppa-Aralgod extension between Heddanse and the Ghathead, Shimoga District.

More attention should be paid to the speedy construction and completion of school-buildings, the progress in respect of which is found to be particularly unsatisfactory. With the contributions available and the grants sanctioned, it is hoped that more buildings will be put up or improved and that the work would be pushed on more vigorously than hitherto.

Tank works have also been found to be greatly neglected or dragged on over a long period. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation is requested to pay special attention to the speedy completion of all the tank works on hand. He is also requested to arrange for the completion of all incomplete irrigational projects in the State with a view to make them productive.

About a lakh and half of rupees was spent on repairs of buildings in the State. All Government buildings were kept in fair repair. The Government House, the Krishnarajendra Hospital, the Vani Vilas Hospital and the Gumbuz at Seringapatam received special attention in connection with the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

There was an outlay of nearly 6½ lakhs of rupees on the annual maintenance and special repairs of over 2,000 miles of roads in the State, including the special repairs to some of the roads in the Mysore District undertaken in connection with His Royal Highness' visit. The general condition of the roads, nevertheless, leaves a great deal to be desired. Government are aware that an important reason for this is the considerable rise in the cost of maintenance of the roads since the time the allotment for them was fixed and note that the question of maintaining them in good condition is engaging the attention of the department.

The department was also responsible for the up-keep of the water-supply works of the Bangalore and Mysore Cities and the Kolar Gold Fields, the pumping plant of the last of which (at Betamangala) was also electrified during the year.

In Bangalore City, 1,112 million gallons were pumped to the combined Jewel filters and allowing 28 million gallons for washing filters, etc., the balance of 1,084 million gallons of filtered water was issued, out of which 480 million gallons were to the City and 604 million gallons to the Civil and Military Station. The total consumption in the City during the year was 494 million gallons, averaging 11·4 gallons per head per day of the City population. The number of house-connections increased during the year by 398, *i.e.*, from 2,781 to 3,179. In Mysore City 522 million gallons were supplied, the plant working almost at its maximum capacity. The consumption in Mysore City averaged 16½ gallons per head per day nearly 50 per cent more than in Bangalore. The number of house-connections in Mysore rose from 1,879 to 2,156. In the Kolar Gold Fields, 449 million gallons were drawn from the reservoir of which 360 million gallons were supplied to the various companies.

10. The improvement of water-supply to the towns of Chikmagalur, Chintamani and Bhadravati received attention during the year and improvement of water-supply of the Shimoga Town is stated to have been practically completed.

11. In addition to the works constructed or maintained out of State Funds, the department carried out works of the total value of over Rs. 10,13,000 under special funds and on behalf of local authorities and other bodies. Of these, works to the extent of Rs. 2,27,000 were paid for from Irrigation Cess Fund, Rs. 4,43,000 from District Funds (of which Rs. 4,30,000 represent outlay on communications) Rs. 73,000 were paid for by the Mysore University and over Rs. 2,00,000 from Municipal and Muzrai Funds and private endowments.

12. *Miscellaneous.*—The department maintained 1,036 miles of river channels during the year. The area irrigated by these channels was 1,29,771 acres, yielding a revenue of Rs. 8,00,973. The area commanded by the Vanivilasasagara continued to be treated under the block system of irrigation during the year. 440 acres were newly brought under blocks and 64 acres excluded therefrom, leaving an aggregate area of 13,101 acres at the end of the year. The area under sugar-cane was only 142 acres.

The Krishnarajasagara discharged over the weir between the 20th July 1921 and the 30th August 1921, and again for ten days in September and four days in October 1921. The storage was quite sufficient to meet the requirements of Power Generation, hot weather irrigation, and for the feeding of the two low-level canals. The supply at the reservoir was regulated according to the rules agreed upon with the Madras Government.

Plans and estimates were completed during the year for the construction of a reservoir across the Kumudvati at Anjanapur in the Shimoga District, an anicut across the Veda river near Naranapur or Siddayyanakote in the Chitaldrug District and a new tank at Dalavoi near Singadahalli in the Tumkur District, for the extension of canals from the Vanivilasasagara and for the constuction of a bridge across Kapila at T. Narsipur in the Mysore District.

13. Government regret to observe that the revision of the schedule of rates has not yet been effected. This should no longer be delayed on any account as the want of such a schedule not only affects the progress of works adversely, but is also likely to give rise to numerous irregularities and loss to Government.

14. The inspection of works and of offices by the officers of the department is observed to be far from satisfactory. Out of 16 Division and 37 Sub-Division Offices, only 4 Division and 16 Sub-Division Offices were inspected by the Executive Engineers. The Executive Engineer, Mysore Division, is reported not to have inspected a single office, Divisional or Sub-Divisional. The Executive Engineer, Kolar, did not inspect either the District Office or the Sub-Divisional Office at Kolar. The explanations of these officers may be obtained and submitted to Government.

Government expect that more attention will be paid by all officers to this important part of their work and that the inspections themselves will be made more thoroughly and methodically than at present. Inspection notes and notes of check-measurement should invariably be maintained in the office for attention and record.

15. The thanks of the Government are due to Mr. Srinivasacharya Cadambi for his efficient management of the department during the last five years. Since September last the department has been placed under two Chief Engineers, one for Irrigation and the other for Roads and Buildings, Mr. Cadambi retiring from service from 1st January 1923. These two Chief Engineers will from that date be *ex-officio* Secretaries in their respective branches of the department. Government hope that under the new arrangement, the Chief Engineers will be able to bestow even greater attention to the work of the department and bring about a state of increasing efficiency in the execution and maintenance of the several works entrusted to it.

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Backward Class Scholarships.

READ—

Letter No. H. C. 332 of 21-22, dated the 29th May 1922, from the Inspector-General of Education proposing certain modifications in the rules for the distribution of backward class scholarships.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 215, dated the 4th November 1922, from the Secretary, Board of Education, regarding certain modifications in the rules relating to backward class scholarships.

ORDER No. E. 5030-3—EDN. 142-21-41, DATED 17TH FEBRUARY 1923.

According to the principles of distribution of backward class scholarships approved by Government in their Order No. 11767-80—Edn. 42-17-135, dated the 31st May 1919, the scholarships are distributed among the several communities in proportion to